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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR PARA 2

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR HUA IN CANTON

1. USLO OFFICER IN CANTON REPORTS THE MOBILIZATION OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HUA KUO-FENG IN CANTON ON OCTOBER 18. AT 1200 A BANNER WAS ERECTED OVER THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE TRADE FAIR EXHIBITION HALL WHICH READ: "FIRMLY SUPPORT THE NAMING OF COMRADE HUA KUO-FENG AS HEAD OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE." THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A PARADE, COMPLETE WITH DRUMS AND BANNERS, WHICH PASSED IN FRONT OF THE TUNG FA NG

HOTEL, WHERE MOST OF THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN FAIR GUESTS ARE QUARTERED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A BANNER WAS PLACED OVER THE ENTRANCE TO THE HOTEL READING "RALLY CLOSELY AROUND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY COMRADE HUA KUO-FENG."

2. AT ABOUT 1530 MORE THAN A THOUSAND FAIR EMPLOYEES GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE EXHIBITION HALL, FORMING A PARADE WHICH MARCHED OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY CENTER, LEAVING ONLY A SKELETON

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STAFF OF NEGOTIATORS TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.FROM REMARKS MADE

EARLIER THAT DAY BY FAIR PERSONNEL, IT APPEARS THAT THE MARCHERS
WERE HEADED FOR A RALLY ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY. OF THE THREE
BANNERS BORNE BY THE PARADE, TWO REPEATED SLOGANS (PARA 1) HUNG
AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND THE HOTEL; A THIRD CALLED FOR THE STUDY
OF MARXIST-LENINIST-MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT.
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